

ing of the year. The next meeting of the board will be one week from to-day.

On motion of Alderman Boschen a resolution was passed conveying the greeting of the board to President Mitchell, who is ill with typhoid fever, his congratulations on his steady improvement and the hope that he might soon be well enough to preside over their deliberations.

Some of the aldermen were entirely hidden behind massive floral obstructions on their desks, most of which found their way to various hospitals after the meeting. Alderman Smith, the "marrying alderman," got a huge affair, in which was worked the word "success." Alderman James L. Devine, formerly a delegate of the Tile Setters' Union, got a floral horseshoe, and, what was more to the point, a gold watch from the union.

John F. McCourt, the new man from the 9th District, got a floral chair as large as the regular seats in which the aldermen repose when not running around the room. McCourt wanted to sit in it, but his friends persuaded him to wait until he got home. Another tribute to McCourt was an alshrip of roses, sent by the "Hot Airship Association." The wife and children of Alderman Dotzler made him happy with a floral baby carriage.

Tammany's Loss Seems Sure.

On several occasions before fusion forces in the city have elected what they thought were anti-Tammany boards of aldermen, but Tammany has always gained control after a few weeks. In the low administration, particularly, Tammany went so far as to oust Herbert Parsons from his place as chairman of the Finance Committee and put "Little Tim" Sullivan in his place.

The present board, however, seems to be a genuine fusion organization that will stand the test of time. Its composition follows:

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 O. Grant Esterbrook (D.), President of the Board.
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 John S. Gaylor (D.), President of the Board.
 Otto C. Gelbach (D.), President of the Board.
 Edward V. Gilmore (D.), President of the Board.
 Henry P. Grimm (D.), President of the Board.
 John W. Haggan (D.), President of the Board.
 James Hamilton (D.), President of the Board.
 Joseph M. Hanson (D.), President of the Board.
 Albert H. Herlihy (D.), President of the Board.
 George Cronell (D.), President of the Board.
 Maurice E. Connolly (D.), President of the Board.
 Cyrus C. Miller (D.), President of the Board.
 Alfred E. Steers (D.), President of the Board.
 George McAnany (D.), President of the Board.
 Paulson, 44, Democrat, 25.

NECK BROKEN, CELEBRATES

Waldorf Miller, Hurt Last July, Expects to Walk Soon.

The happiest young man in New Rochelle on New Year's Day was Waldorf Miller, who has been living with a broken neck since July 3, 1911, and who has every prospect of soon being able to walk with the aid of crutches.

Miller lives with his mother, Mrs. Anna Miller, in Clinton Place, New Rochelle, and their home was crowded with visitors yesterday, who came to offer their New Year's greetings to the patient. It was months ago that surgery said to him he would never be able to get around and that his limbs would remain paralyzed. He only laughed at their statements, and declared he would be moving his legs "by New Year's Day." And he was able to accomplish this feat on the first day of 1912. He was placed in a wheel chair, and moved his legs until he could almost straighten them out. His mother wheeled him to the dinner table, and he enjoyed his meal and sat with the others until the dinner was finished.

"I am getting along bully," said Miller to one of his friends. "The doctors said I would get no better, but they didn't know my grit. This is a happy New Year for me, and by next New Year's I expect to be able to walk around with the aid of crutches. That is going some, but I believe I will be able to do so with the good will." Miller broke his neck in diving off the rocks into Echo Bay. At the same spot, three years previously, his brother also dislocated his neck. He died ten days later.

PROTEST AGAINST HOOK

Kentuckians Oppose His Appointment to Supreme Bench.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
 Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1.—That friends of the late Justice Harlan are hostile to the appointment of Judge Hook to a place on the Supreme Court bench is evinced by a telegram which was sent to President Taft to-night protesting against the appointment of the Kansas jurist. The message is signed by Lawrence C. Finn, chairman of the Kentucky Railroad Commission and chairman of the executive committee of the National Railroad Commissioners' Association.

The grounds of protest filed by Chairman Finn are that Judge Hook has expressed himself as being adverse to important litigation before the Supreme Court which means much to every state.

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PROGRESSIVES REFUSE TO INDORSE LA FOLLETTE

Ohio Convention Votes Not to Give Its Approval to Senator's Presidential Boom.

'PERSONAL' PRAISE INSTEAD

Pinchot and Garfield Clash with Clapp and Works in Fight Against Pledging Support to Any Candidate.

Columbus, Jan. 1.—Progressive Republicans of Ohio, in convention to-day, formed a permanent organization and adopted a declaration of progressive principles, but voted, 52 to 32, not to give their indorsement to United States Senator Robert M. La Follette as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

After refusing to indorse his candidacy the delegates voted, 81 to 11, in favor of a resolution as a personal expression of the delegates, naming Senator La Follette as "the living embodiment of the principles of the Progressive movement and the logical candidate to carry them to successful fruition." The vote came after three hours of debate on the floor of the convention, and was on the adoption of an amendment to the report of the resolutions committee, which had been unanimously in favor of not naming a candidate.

Gifford Pinchot, who declared that he spoke only for himself and in no way for Colonel Roosevelt and ex-Secretary Garfield of the Department of the Interior, were the leaders in the debate against giving an indorsement to any candidate. Senator Works, of California, and later Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, were equally vigorous in urging that the Ohio Progressives concentrate their efforts on working for the election of Senator La Follette. Nearly every delegate expressed himself repeatedly in the debate.

Oppose Taft's Renomination.

Walter F. Brown, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, who a week ago was read out of the Progressives by Chairman Fackler of the Progressive League for his proposed Presidential preference plan, held a long morning conference with Pinchot, Houser and Fackler and worked with them on the resolution which finally was adopted. The resolution follows:

We are opposed to the renomination of President Taft. We hereby declare it to be the determined purpose of the Ohio Progressive Republicans to work in harmony and union to nominate a Progressive Republican for President, recognizing the principles which we stand, whether they be for the Presidential nomination of Woodrow Wilson or Theodore Roosevelt or any other Progressive Republican. We assert the entire unity of the Progressive movement throughout the entire state and nation.

We favor the election of delegates who will favor nomination of a candidate who will fully represent the Progressive principle.

Fackler, who presided at to-day's conference as temporary chairman, was elected president of the permanent organization. C. P. Brotherton, of Ashtabula, was elected vice-president, and T. H. Brown, of Columbus, secretary.

A declaration of principles, adopted unanimously, was substantially the one prepared by a committee appointed at a meeting of Progressives of the Western Reserve. On the question of national policies it followed the line of the platform adopted by the Progressive conference in Chicago. It declared for a substantial and equitable revision of the tariff schedule by schedule, "preserving the protective tariff principle, the measure of which shall be the difference in wages and raw material at home and abroad." To this end a non-partisan tariff board with full power to compel testimony and to report to Congress was advocated.

A revision of the Sherman law was suggested in the second paragraph:

For the cure of corporate and trust evils we favor legislation that shall effectively regulate and control in the interest of the great instrumentalities of modern business; such legislation clearly to define and provide against monopolies, for profit, stock watering, organizing companies without substantial assets, agreements to control production, markets, prices and the like—all designed to protect the honest and punish by imprisonment the dishonest business man.

Other planks of the platform declared for popular election of United States Senators, the Pinchot-Roosevelt conservation policy, a national income tax graduated upward and the abolition of needless public positions.

Pinchot Sways Committee.

The first difference of opinion arose when an added resolution to promise support to no candidate was recommended by the committee on resolutions. The committee of nineteen members had entered their deliberations, most of them declared, heartily in favor of expressing themselves for Robert M. La Follette. Their opinions had been changed after they had heard addresses by Pinchot and Fackler, and after the resolution which was prepared by Houser and Pinchot was described by the former national forester as the best way of advancing Senator La Follette's interests.

The resolution was reported to the conference just after Senator Works had made an address urging the delegates to follow the example of California and to centralize their campaigning for one man. Senator Works said:

Colonel Roosevelt should declare himself both as to his candidacy and as to his stand on the principles that are accepted as Progressive. If this movement attempts to center itself around its principles and its principles are sound, it will win its chances of success.

If Roosevelt would declare himself I would not hesitate to support him and rather would Senator La Follette. La Follette has made the principles for which he stands an issue. California has indorsed him and felt that an attempt to evade it would have been cowardly.

The committee report, coming at the end of Senator Works' speech, was followed immediately by Pinchot, who defended the resolution, saying:

It would be foolish to deny that there is in Ohio, as well as in other states, a great number of men, maybe a majority, who favor heartily the Progressive principles, but who favor the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt as first choice and La Follette as second choice. Here I may say that there is no one who is working harder for the election of Senator La Follette than I am.

I believe most intensely that it would be foolish not to crystallize the Roosevelt Progressive sentiment and the Progressive sentiment of the delegates and to have candidates they may prefer, so that we can elect delegates to the Chicago convention who will vote for the Progressive candidate, whom we know will be Mr. La Follette. If we declare for a single candidate, we run the risk of going to Chicago to find Progressive delegates from different counties morally bound to support a half dozen different candidates.

Brandeis Praises La Follette.

Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, addressing the convention, declared the present

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TO-DAY'S PICTURES APPEAR ON PAGE 5.

WOODBIN FIRE KILLS BOY

Sister May Die from Smoke in Tenement Blaze in Harlem.

INVESTIGATION TO FOLLOW

Smudge Sends Out Twenty Families, but Fire Does Not Spread.

A mysterious fire, which started at 8 o'clock last night in the woodbin of the five-story tenement house No. 17 West 118th street resulted in the death of a boy, and perhaps fatal injury to a little girl. The dead boy is Louis Brown, Jr., four years old. His sister, Helen, six years old, was taken to the Harlem Hospital, where it was reported late last night that she was in a grave condition. Both had been overcome by smoke.

Although Battalion Chief Andrews, who was the first to arrive on the scene, would not say that the fire was of incendiary origin, he said he would report it to the Fire Marshal. If any one was directly responsible for the blaze, the chief said, he could find no evidence of it, as everything in the woodbin where the fire originated, was burned out.

Twenty families live in the house. After the alarm of fire there was a rush for the street, and to add to the danger, many of the people in the house began to block the stairways in attempts to save their household belongings, and it was with much difficulty that the police got them out in safety.

When the firemen arrived Captain Charles Sweet, of Patrol No. 5, was informed by some of the tenants that they had heard the children in Mrs. MacMahon's apartment yelling. She lives on the ground floor and is the janitress. Groping his way into the house Captain Sweet soon came out with the two children under his arms. Both were unconscious.

A hurry call was sent to Harlem Hospital, but Dr. Ritter, who responded, was unable to save the boy, who died while the physician was working over him. Then the surgeon turned his attention to little Helen, and, finding there was still a chance for her life, took her to the hospital.

For several months Louis Brown, who is a widower, had made his home with Mrs. MacMahon. At 7:30 o'clock last night she went to visit a friend next door. When she learned of the boy's death she swooned, and she, too, had to be taken to the hospital, where it was said she might lose her reason.

A large crowd gathered on the scene and the police of the West 125th street station experienced much difficulty in keeping them from hampering the firemen in their work. The fire was confined to the wood bin.

FAMOUS CLOWN DEAD AT 83.

Jacob Showles Began Work with Old Dan Rice.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
 Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 1.—Jacob Showles, circus owner, clown and gymnast performer, who was prominent in the early days of the travelling shows, died to-day at his home in Third avenue, this city. He was in his eighty-third year.

Mr. Showles was born in Germany. When two years old his father came to this country and settled at New Orleans. When six years old young Showles was left an orphan. He joined the Jerry Mable show when twelve, and at the age of eighteen he was with the famous Dan Rice, doing the globe act on horseback through the West.

In 1872 Mr. Showles branched out for himself under the name of the North American Show. After two years on the road he again became associated with the Rice show. In 1886 he traded his small farm at Blacks Mills, near Freehold, N. J., for a house and lot at Long Branch. Mr. Showles married Miss Elizabeth Manahan in 1861, who for several years travelled with him. The couple had no children of their own, but early in life adopted a boy, who later became William Showles, the champion bareback rider. Mr. Showles was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Eastern Star lodges.

GIRL OF SIX AS RESCUER

Burned Vainly Trying to Help Playmate, Who May Die.

Sophie Noble, five years old, of No. 616 East 123rd street, was taken to Bellevue Hospital last night suffering from probably fatal burns. With another child, Rachel Weingold, Sophie was dancing around a street bonfire in front of her home. The two decided to follow the example of some of their playmates and rolled up pieces of paper in the form of torches and stuck the ends into the fire. Suddenly Sophie dropped her torch and ran. Her dress was all aflame, and she dashed down the street screaming.

Although only six years old, her little playmate, Rachel, followed, trying desperately to beat out the fire on Sophie's skirt. Their fathers heard the screams and came running out into the street, where a crowd of children, afraid to get near Sophie, had gathered around her in a circle. Within this circle, undaunted by the fire that had scorched her face and hands, Sophie's friend Rachel still worked to save her. Even after the two men had reached the children they were badly burned before they got her fire out.

Then an ambulance was taken there by Dr. Morris. Rachel, her father and Mr. Noble were burned on the arms and faces. All of them were treated at home.

SCHWAB TIMES EMPLOYEES

Head of Big Steel Plant Himself Registers His Working Hours.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
 South Bethlehem, Penn., Jan. 1.—Charles W. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Works, to-day installed time clocks in every department of his immense plant and has given orders to every one of his employees and himself. He has issued orders that every one of these men must "punch the clock" when they arrive and leave the works, and declares he also will punch it to show that he puts in just as many hours as any of his employees.

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MERRITT'S ELECTION AS SPEAKER SEEMS SURE

Little Doubt That St. Lawrence Assemblyman Will Be Nominee of Republican Caucus.

SMITH LIKELY TO BE CLERK

Koenig, Declining to Admit Defeat, Says Dana Men Would Support Any Other Acceptable Candidate.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Albany, Jan. 1.—Members of the Assembly have been arriving in Albany all day to-day, and to-night there is little doubt that Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., of St. Lawrence County, will be chosen as Speaker and Ray B. Smith, of Syracuse, as clerk at the Republican caucus to-morrow night. Samuel S. Koenig, president of the New York County Republican County Committee, who reached here this evening, was emphatic in his declaration that Mr. Smith could not be chosen clerk, but was not so confident in relation to the Speakership. Mr. Koenig, who was accompanied from New York by Golet Gallatin, B. W. V. Brown, Albert Ottinger, Ogden L. Mills, John Boyle, Jr., and William Chadbourne, established headquarters at the Ten Eyck to further the candidacy of Assemblyman Charles A. Dana for Speaker.

Mr. Koenig gave out this statement on the Speakership situation to-night:

I am convinced that a large number of upstate Assemblymen are not pledged to support any candidate, and I believe the Speakership question is still unsettled. While the New York County Assemblymen have indicated that they will support Assemblyman Charles A. Dana, I believe that any other candidate who will represent the best thought and sentiment of the Republican party will be acceptable to them. Their position is one of unselfishness, and is in the interest of the Republican party.

While the friends of Mr. Smith are confident of his election as clerk, there is still said to be considerable opposition to him, but it is not believed that it is strong enough to defeat him. However, if this opposition should gain sufficient strength before to-morrow night to make his election impossible the plan of the regulars is to present the name of ex-Assemblyman Fred W. Hammond, of Syracuse. It is practically certain that Mr. Hammond could be chosen, but he has not come out openly as a candidate because of his friendship for Mr. Smith.

The New York County Republican organization is expected to present the name of William H. Ten Eyck for the clerkship. Ex-Assemblyman William E. Nolan, of Albany, and Harry W. Haines, of Westchester, appear to be the strongest candidates for sergeant-at-arms.

Other places on the slate which it is thought will go through to-morrow night are expected to be distributed as follows: Assemblyman Young, of Westchester, for floor leader; Assemblyman Whitney, of Saratoga, for chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Assemblyman Parker, of Washington, for chairman of the Appropriations Committee, a sub-committee of Ways and Means.

The plan to have two different men hold the positions of majority leader and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee has been practically decided. Assemblyman Hinman, of Albany, probably will be the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, although Cyrus W. Phillips, of Monroe, will make a hard fight for it. Assemblyman Colne, of Kings County, is expected to be the chairman of the Cities Committee. Other positions and chairmanships have not yet been settled, and probably will be the subjects of more or less trading before the caucus.

Mr. Koenig expressed the belief to-night that if Kings County was against Merritt he could not be chosen. The only member of the Kings County delegation to arrive here to-day was Mr. Colne, who himself had been mentioned as a candidate for Speaker. He, however, has withdrawn his candidacy. Asked how the Kings County men stood, he said they were pledged. He would not tell what the sentiment was among them.

The same situation exists among the Erie County members, and the friends of Mr. Dana seem to feel that they hold the balance of power. Assemblyman MacGregor, of Erie, who wants to be floor leader, arrived here to-night, and was non-committal when asked as to whom the Erie County men would throw their votes. It is not known whether Mr. MacGregor can muster enough to force his selection as floor leader, but he will undoubtedly be taken care of by receiving the chairmanship of one of the more important committees.

URGES MERRITT'S DEFEAT

Direct Primaries Association Wants Friendly Speaker.

So far Judge William H. Wadhams, president of the Direct Primaries Association, has heard not a word from Assemblyman Edwin A. Merritt, candidate for Speaker of the Assembly, in reply to a request for his views on direct nominations legislation. His views on direct nominations were the subject of Mr. Merritt's inquiry at this time. He asked a reply before the Republican Speakership caucus to-night.

Charles A. Dana, the New York County candidate for Speaker, replied at once to a similar inquiry, saying:

I am heartily in favor of perfecting a law that will enable the voter to directly select and elect his candidates for office in the district.

I am a Republican and shall most certainly endeavor to uphold and support any platform or promise made to the people by the Republican party at its recent convention, else I should have been a traitor and hypocrite to my party in asking its support as a candidate on its ticket, while not believing in its principles.

John Leo Sullivan, of Chautauque, has also made it known that he favors a genuine direct nominations bill.

As a result of the attitude of the various candidates the Direct Primaries Association has sent out letters to its members in Republican counties, which say in part:

It is of the utmost importance to the success of direct nominations that Merritt be defeated, and that either Dana or Sullivan, who are friends of the cause, should be elected.

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